

## European Gravity Service for Improved Emergency Management - Status and project highlights

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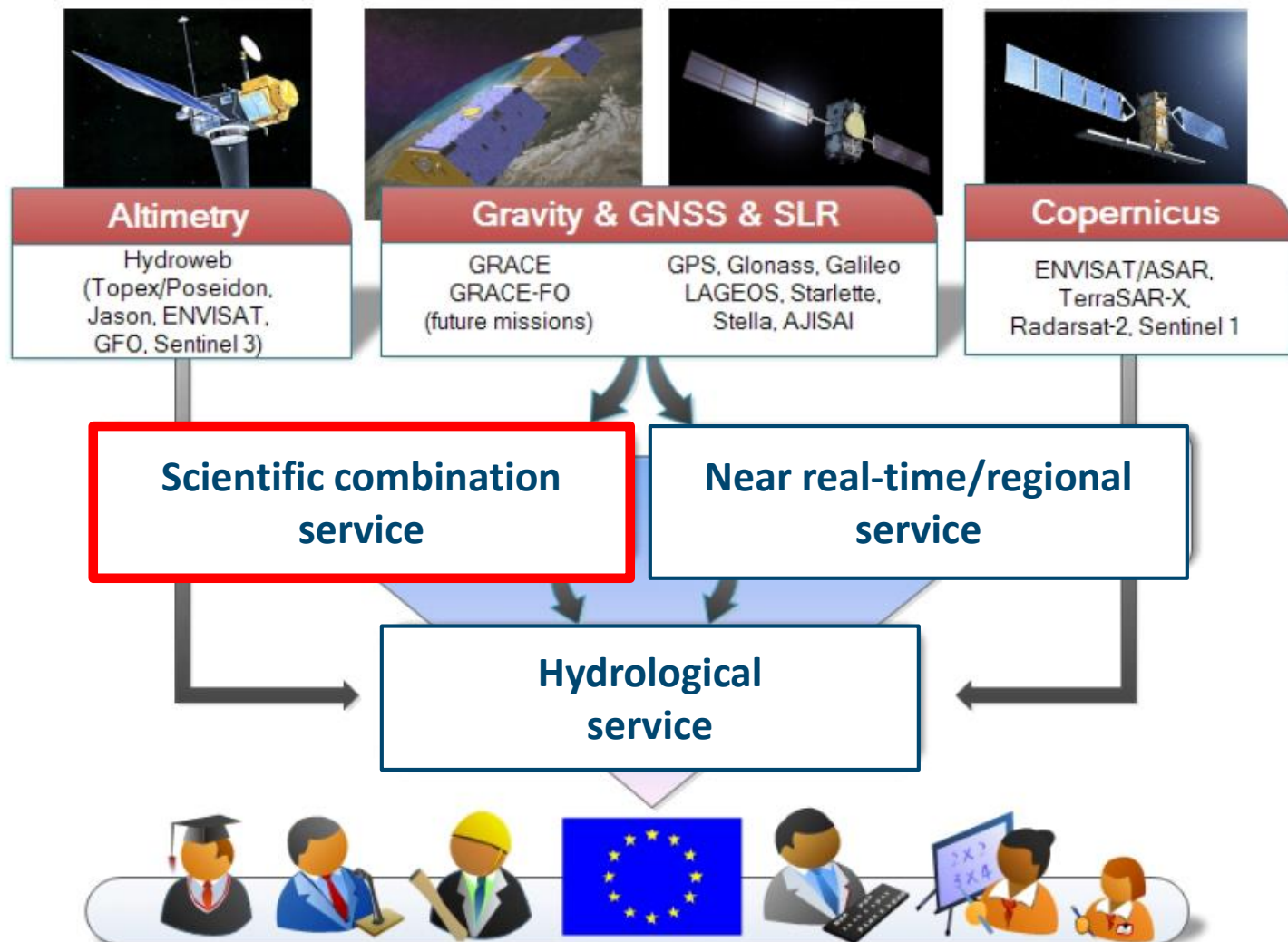
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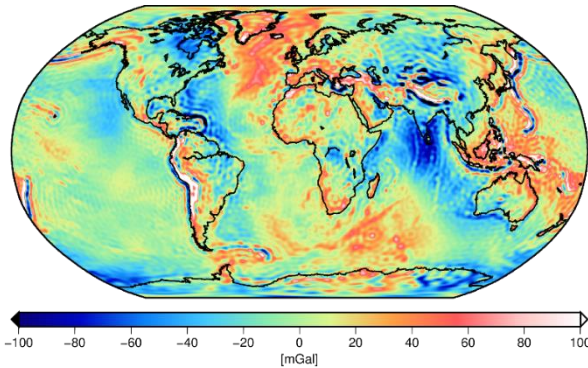
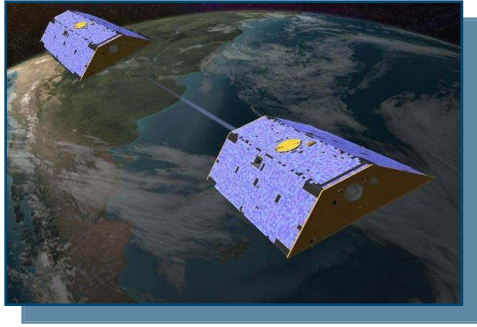
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# Scientific service

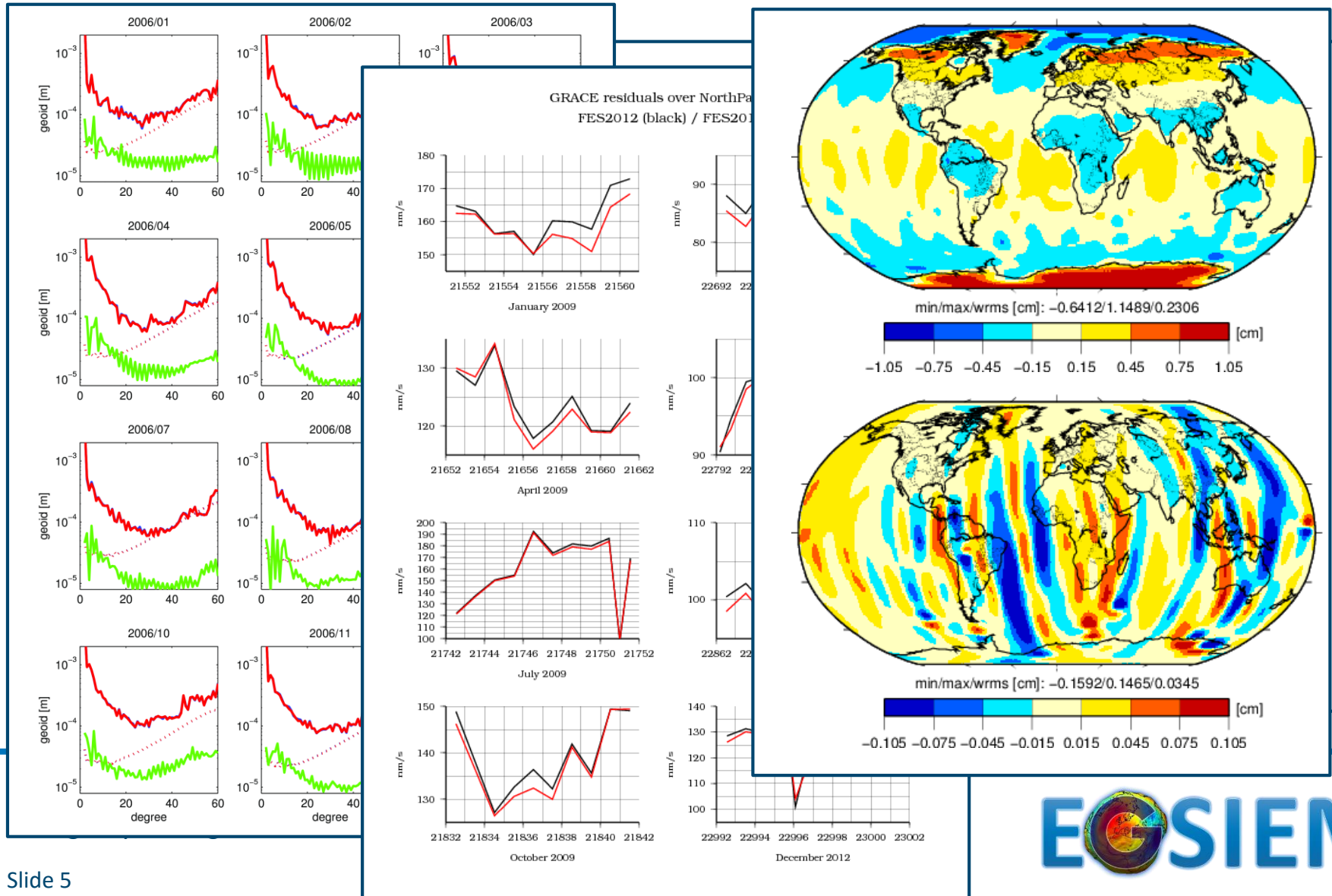


## EGSIEM Analysis Centers (ACs):

- **GFZ**
  - **CNES**
  - **AIUB**
  - **TUG - ITSG**
  - **University of Luxembourg**
  - More in the future ...
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  2. Integration of complementary data
  3. Harmonization of processing standards
  4. Combination of the solutions

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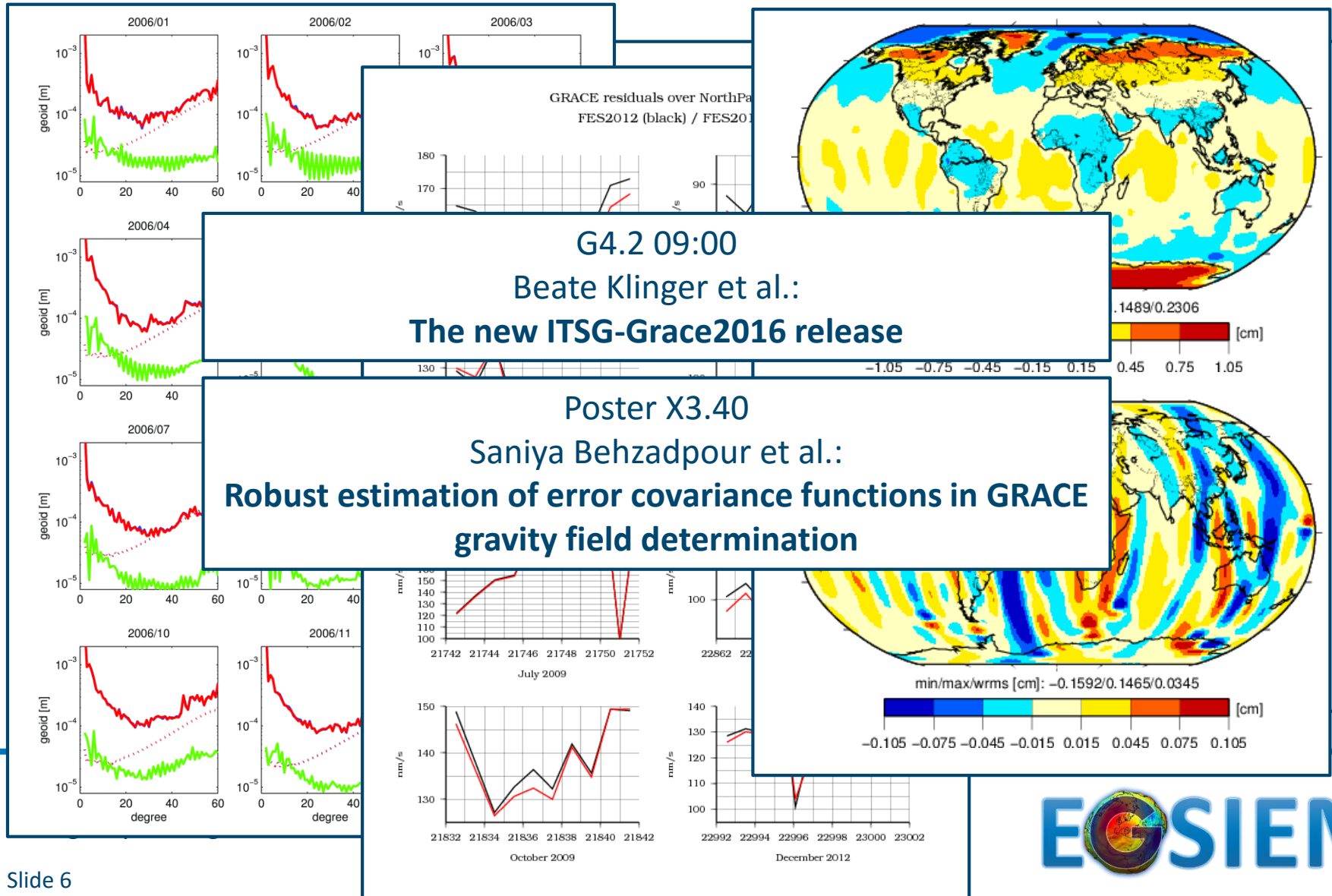
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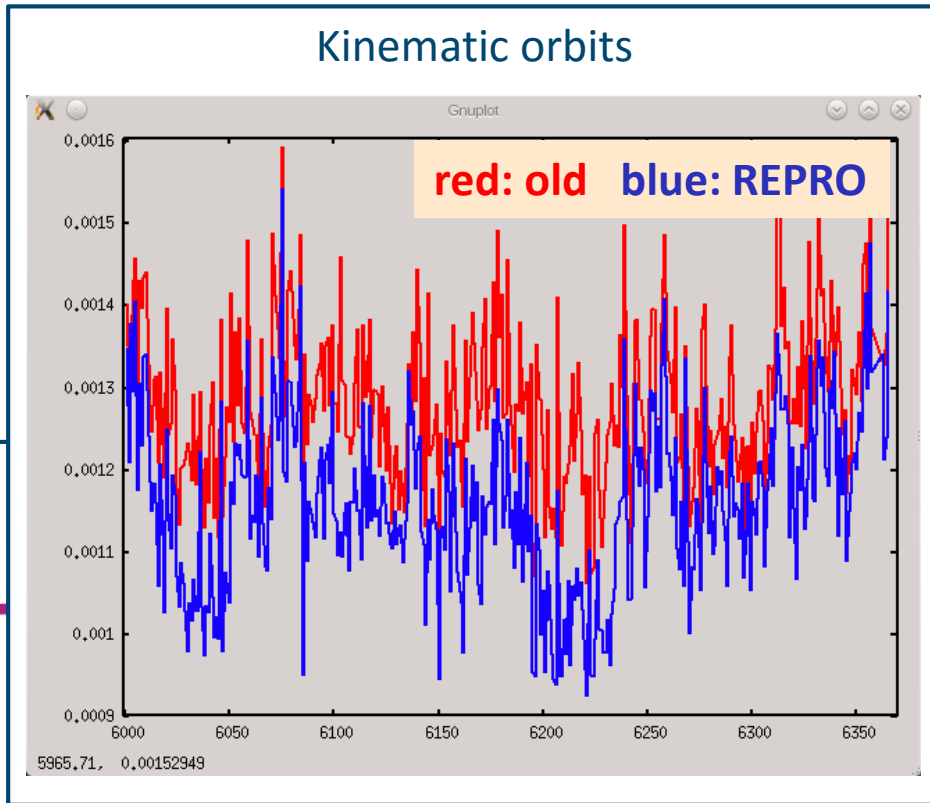
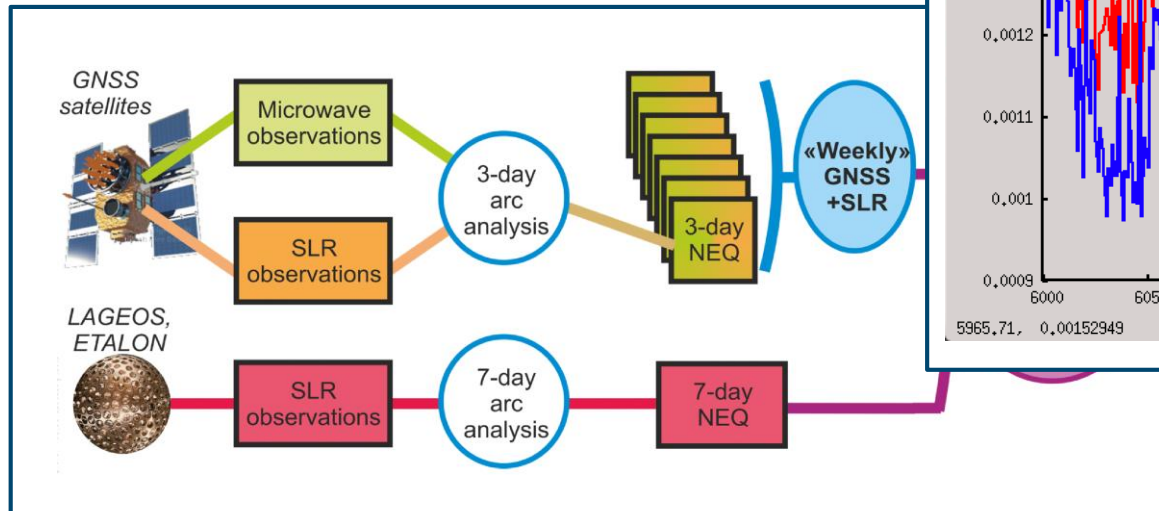
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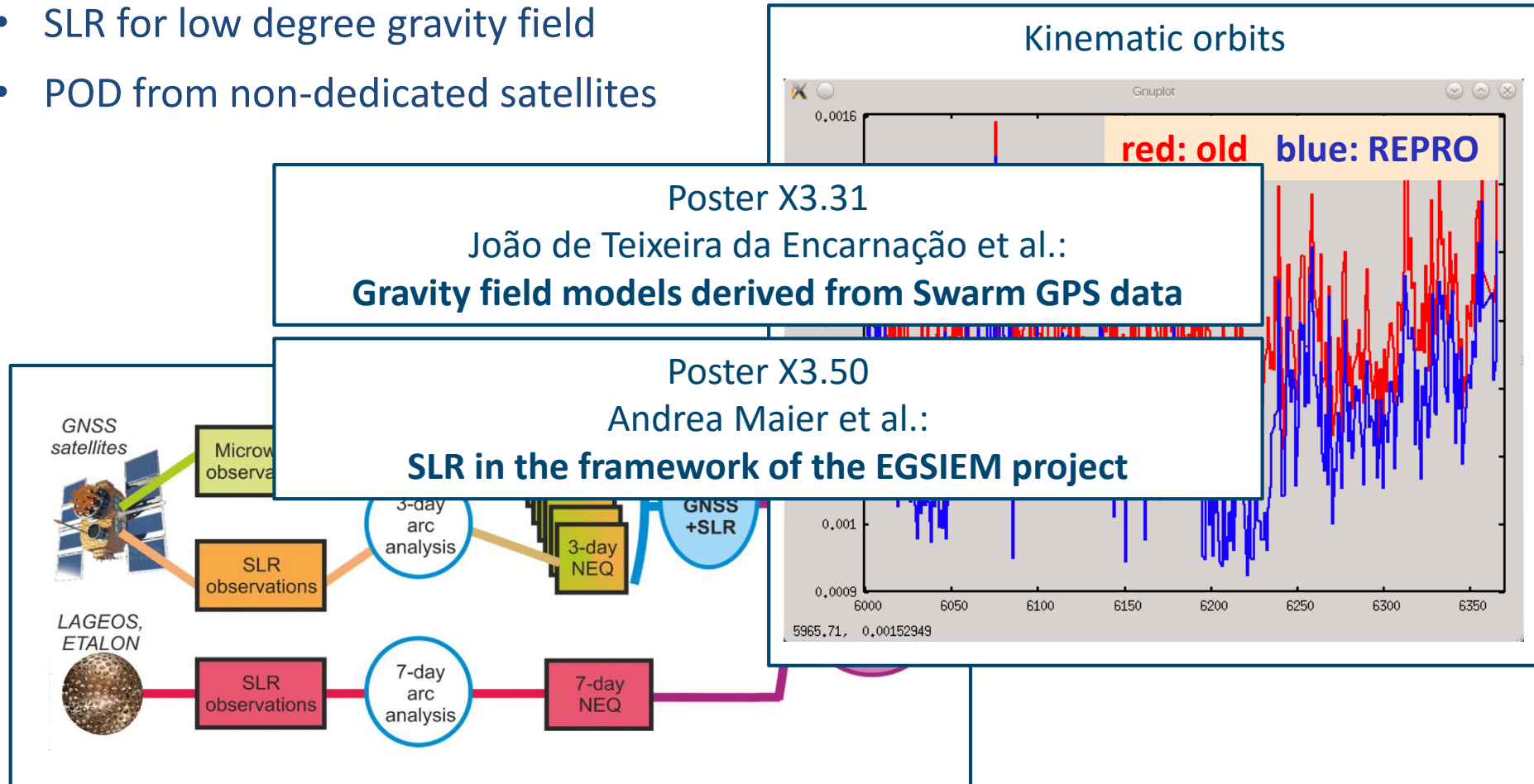
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# 3. Harmonization of processing standards

- Common reference frame and GPS orbit constellation
- Ensemble of different background models
- Distribution of solutions at normal equation level in standard SINEX format

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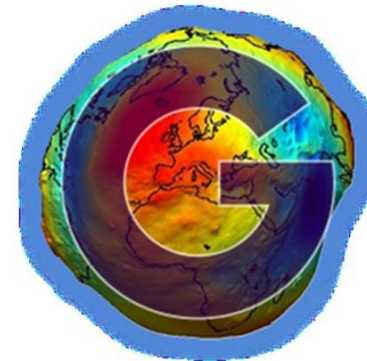


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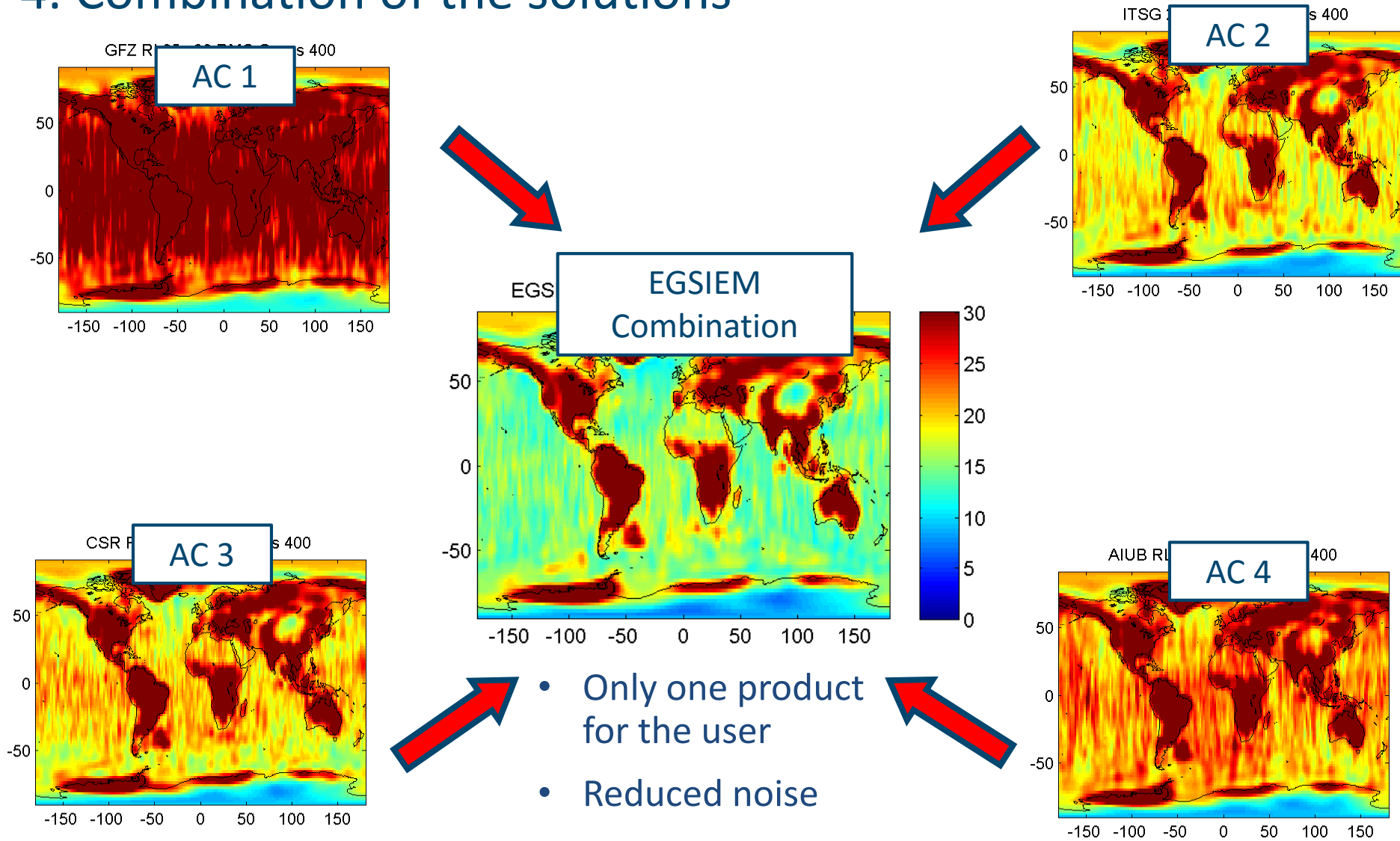
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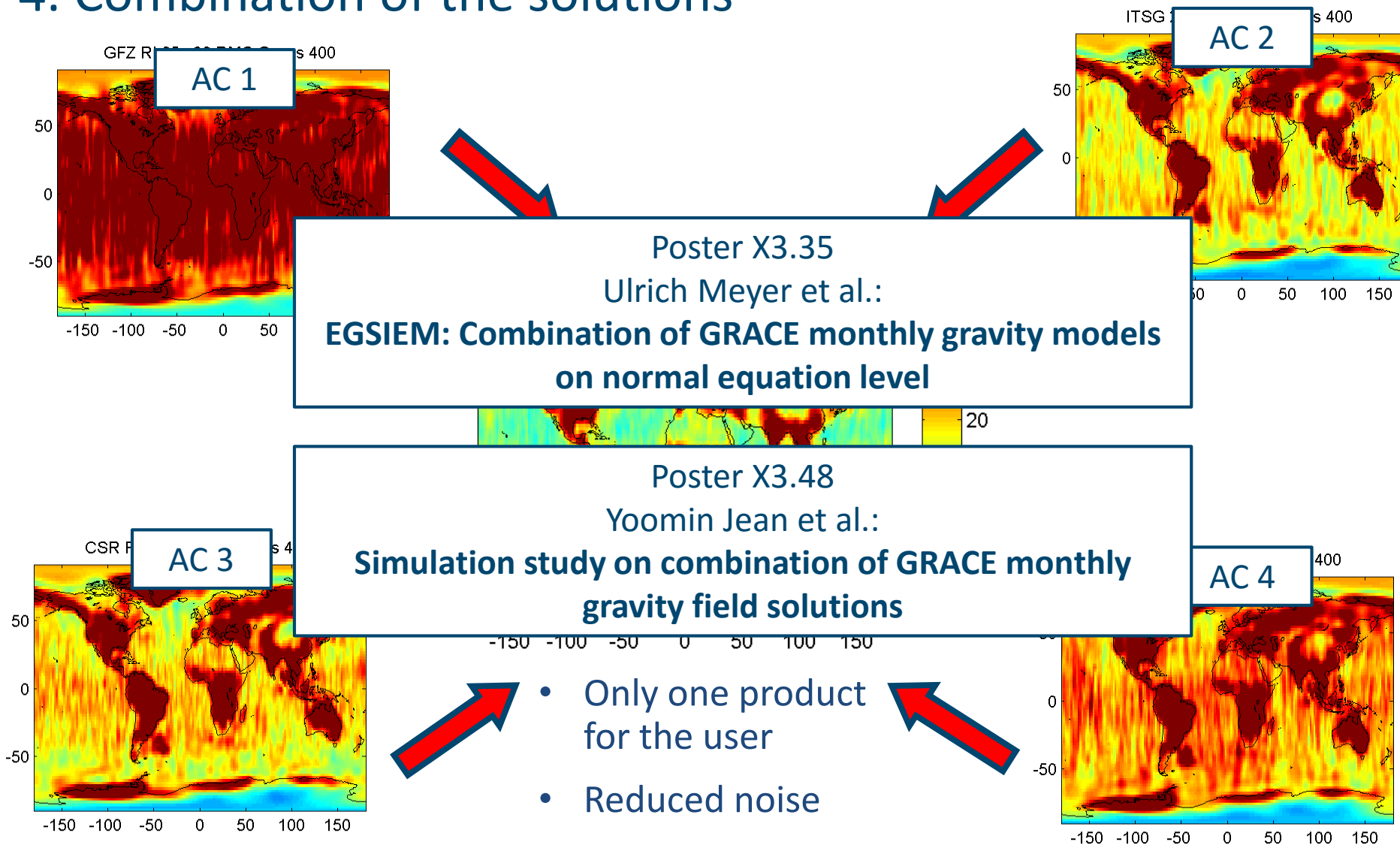
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## 4. Combination of the solutions

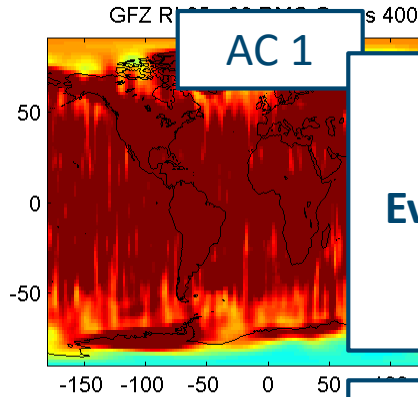


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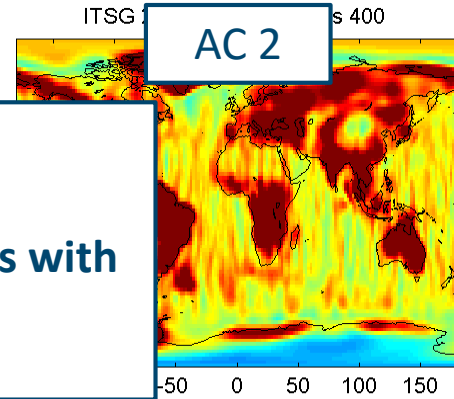


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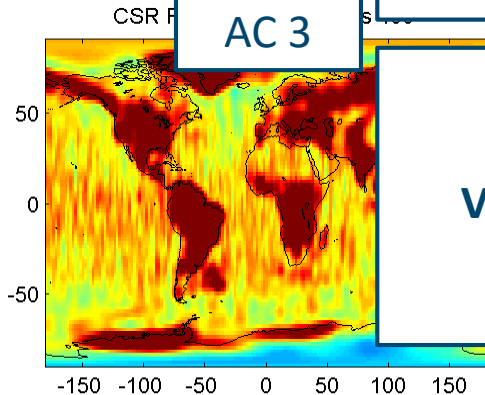


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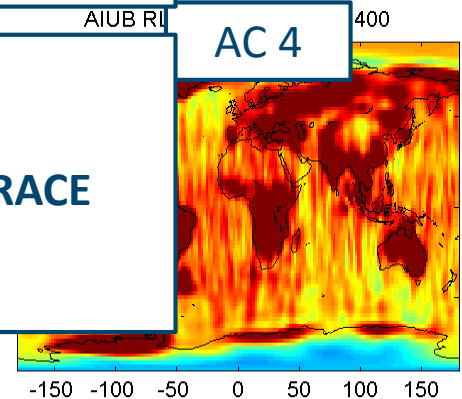


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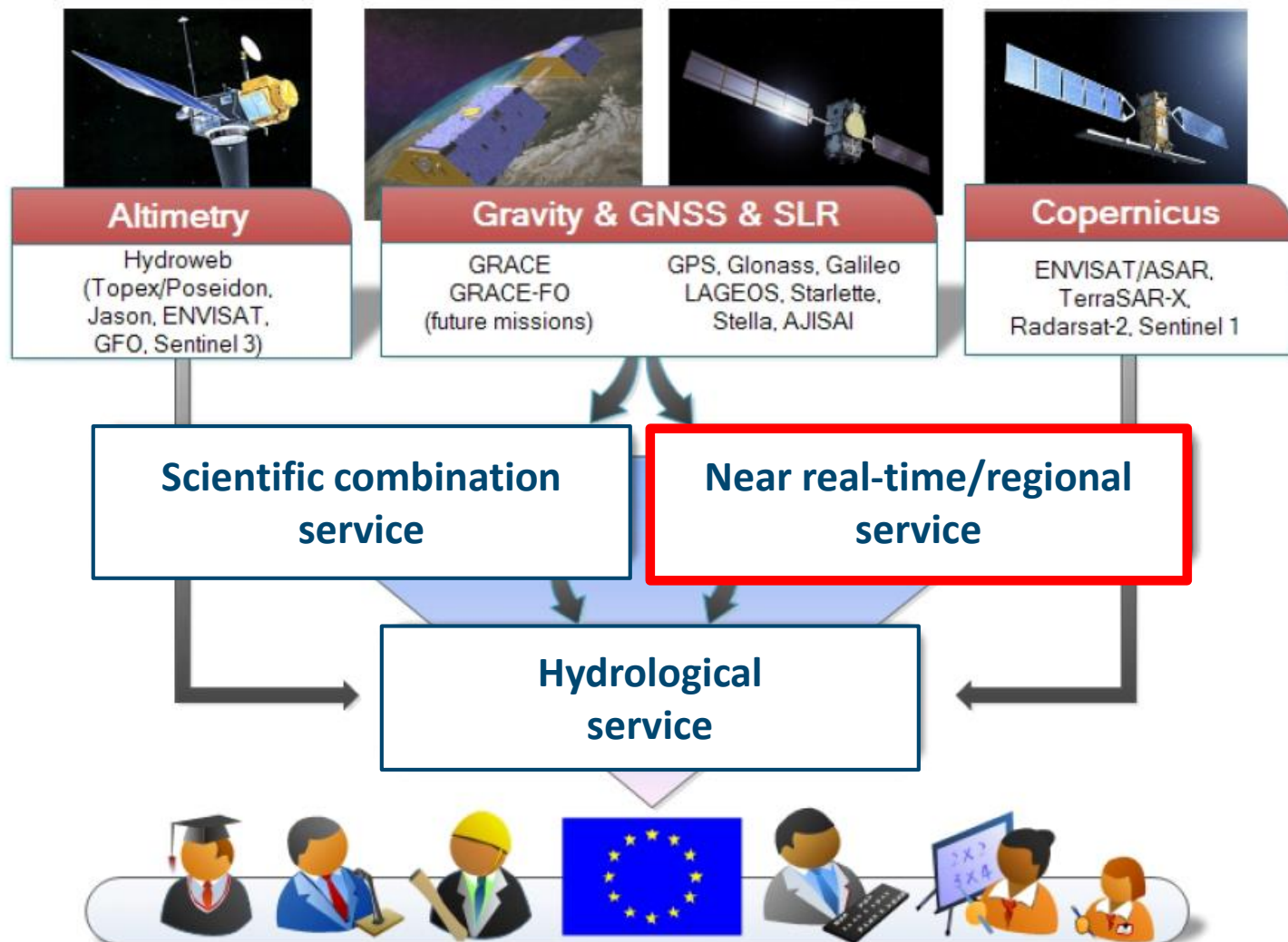
**Validation of the EGSIM combined monthly GRACE gravity fields**

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Reduced noise

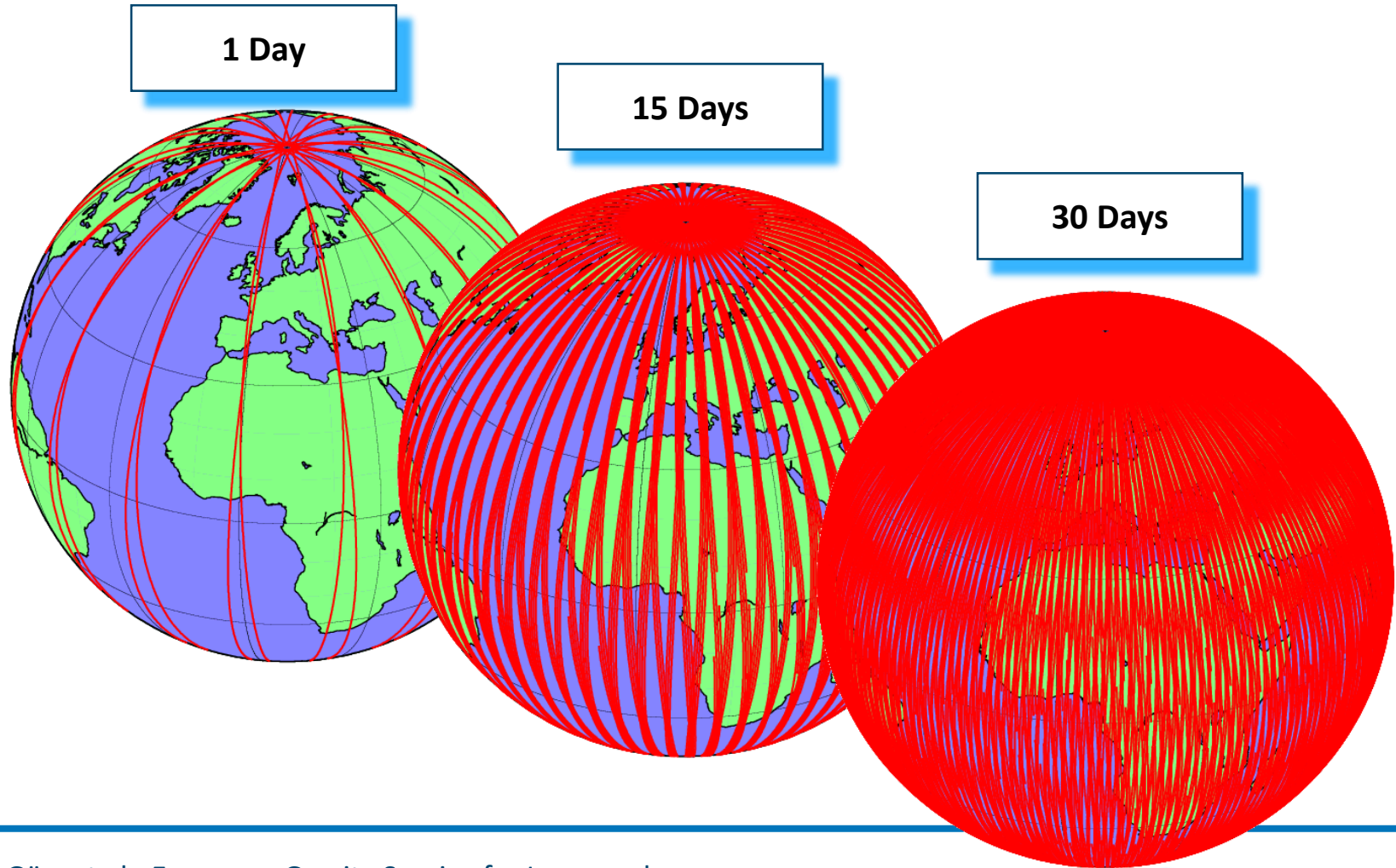
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# Daily updated gravity field solutions from GRACE

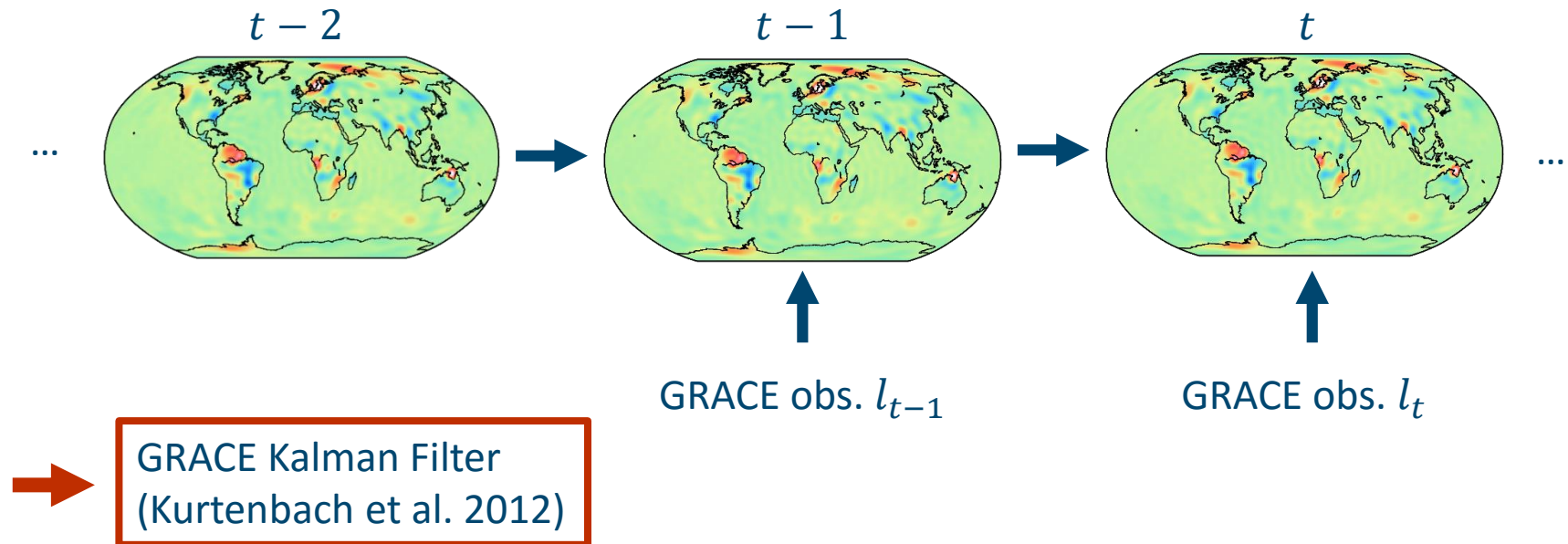
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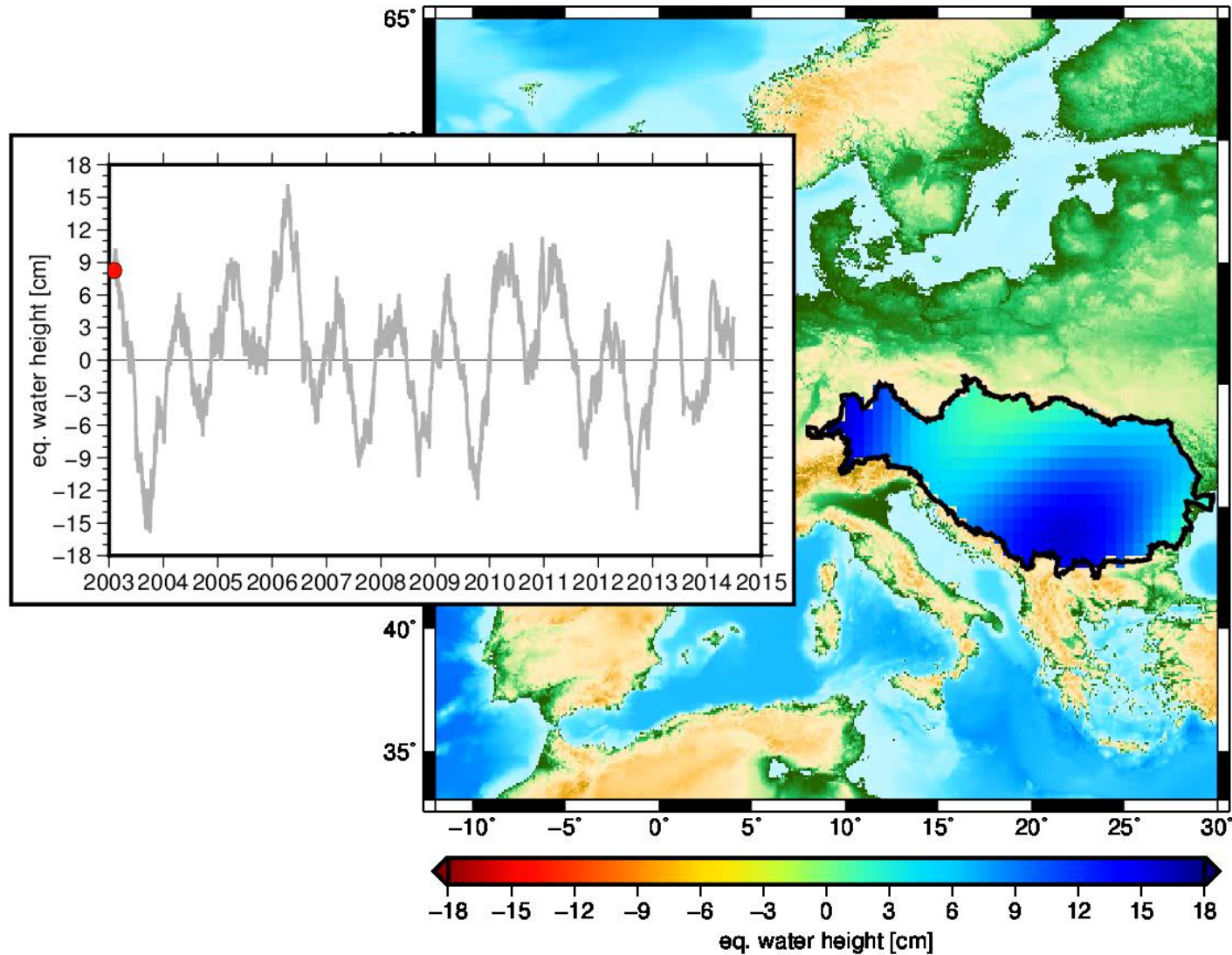
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- Additional information is introduced in form of a **process model**
  - Prediction based on spatio-temporal correlations from geophysical models
  - Solution is weighted mean between GRACE observations and prediction

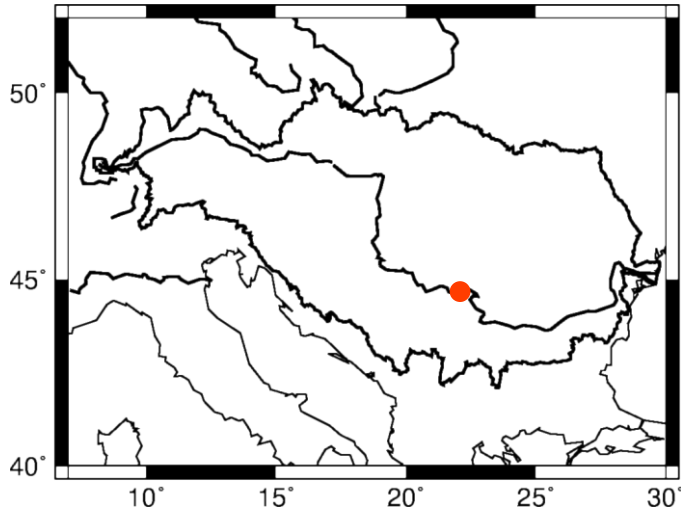


# Example: The Danube basin



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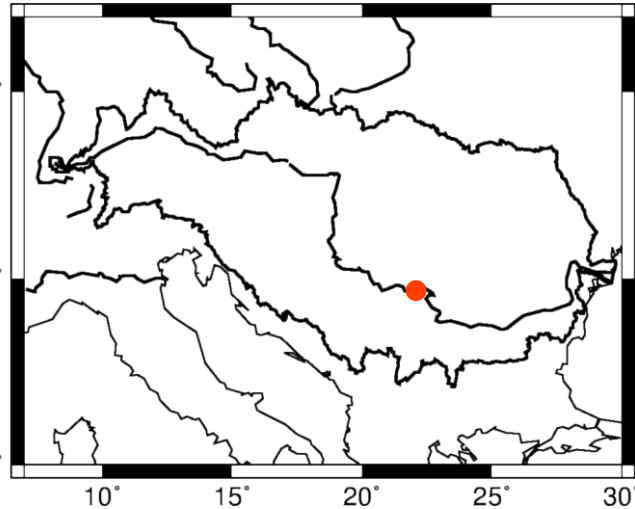
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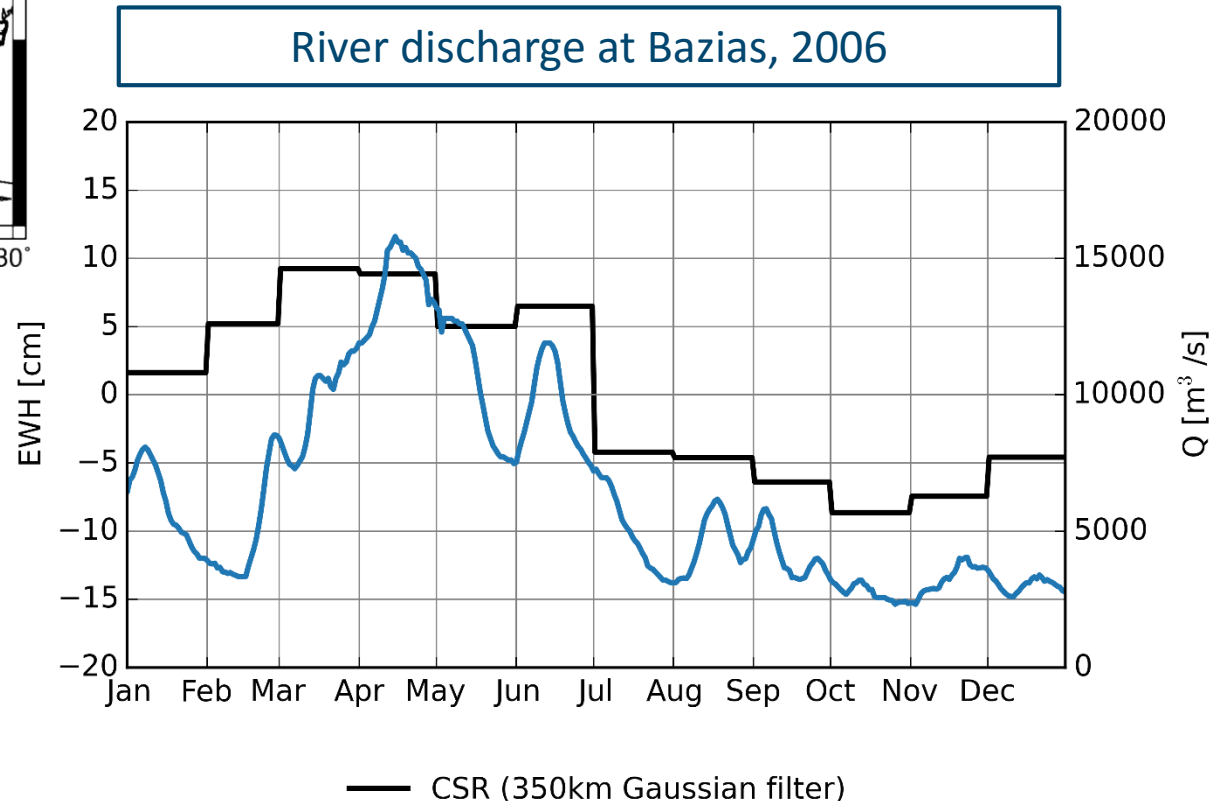
River discharge at Bazias, 2006



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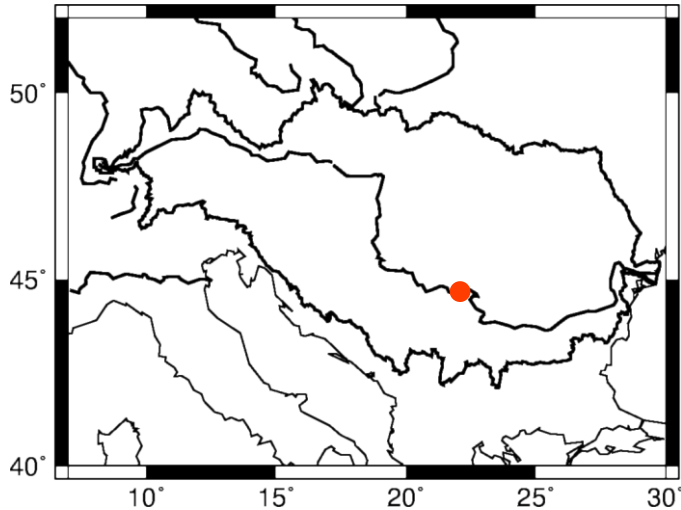


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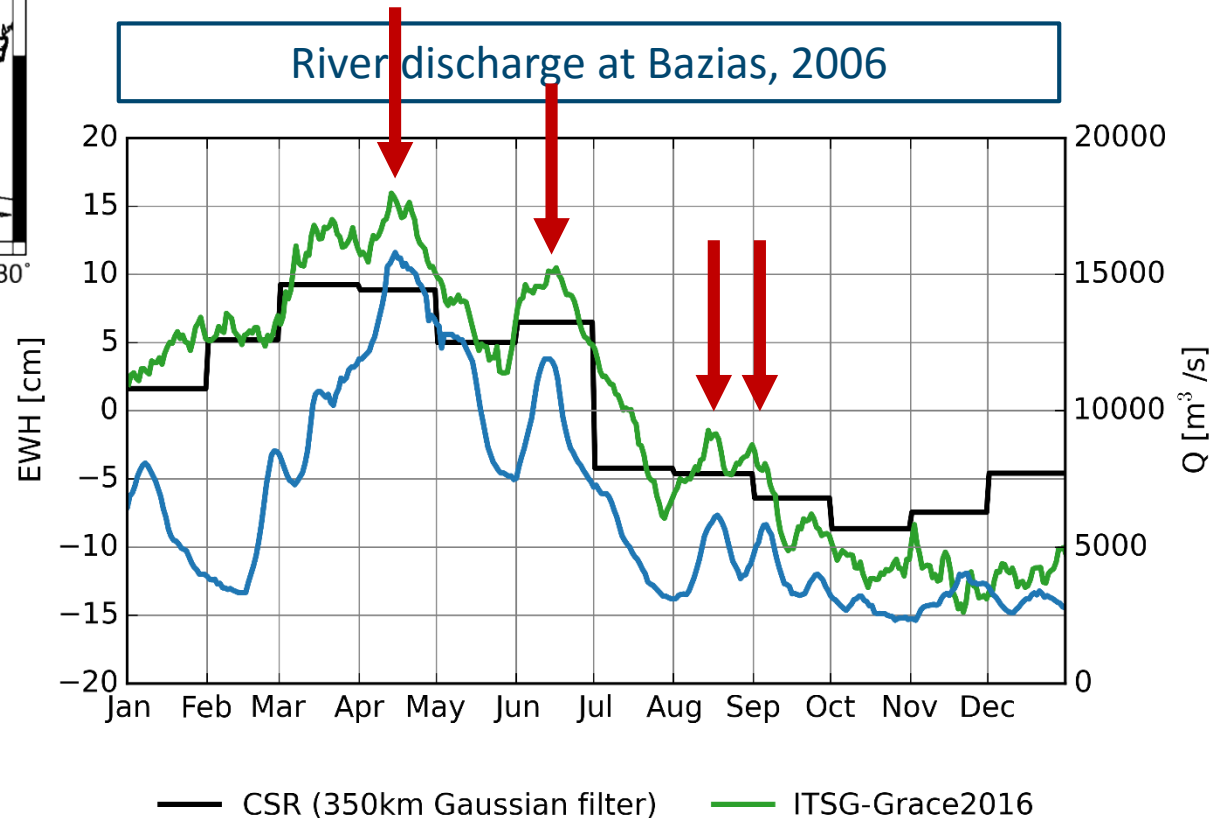


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Andreas Kvas et al.:

**Near real-time GRACE gravity field solutions for hydrological monitoring applications**

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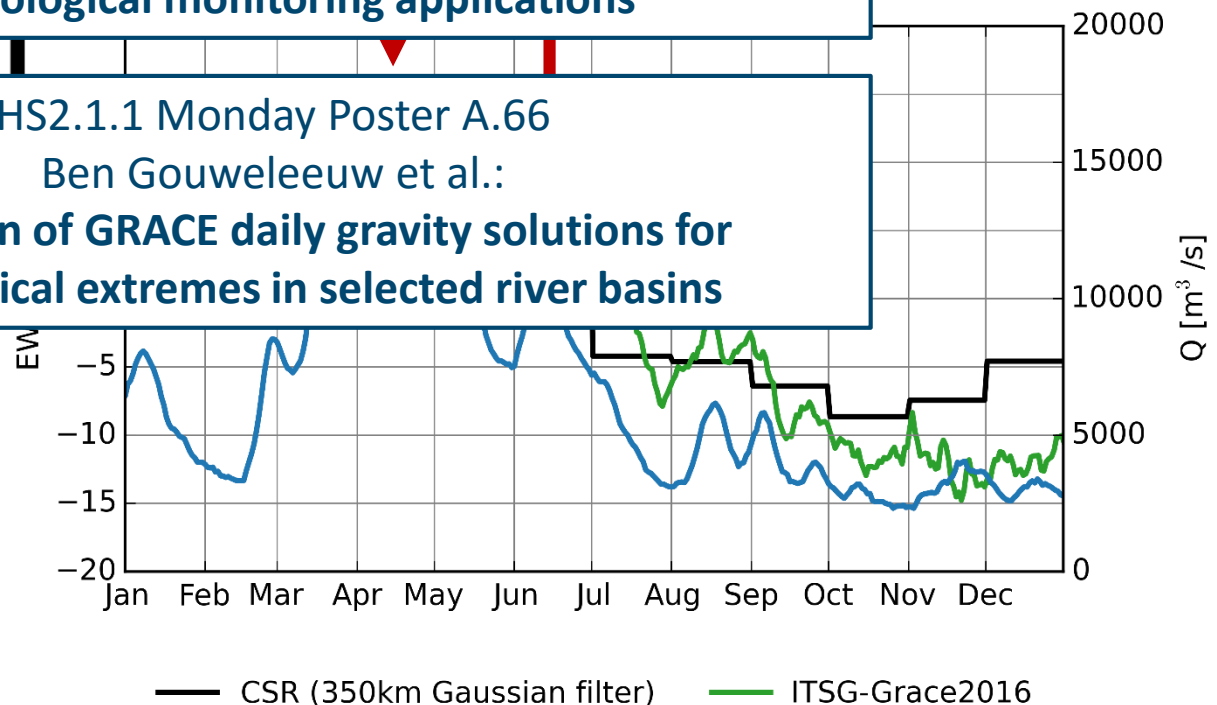
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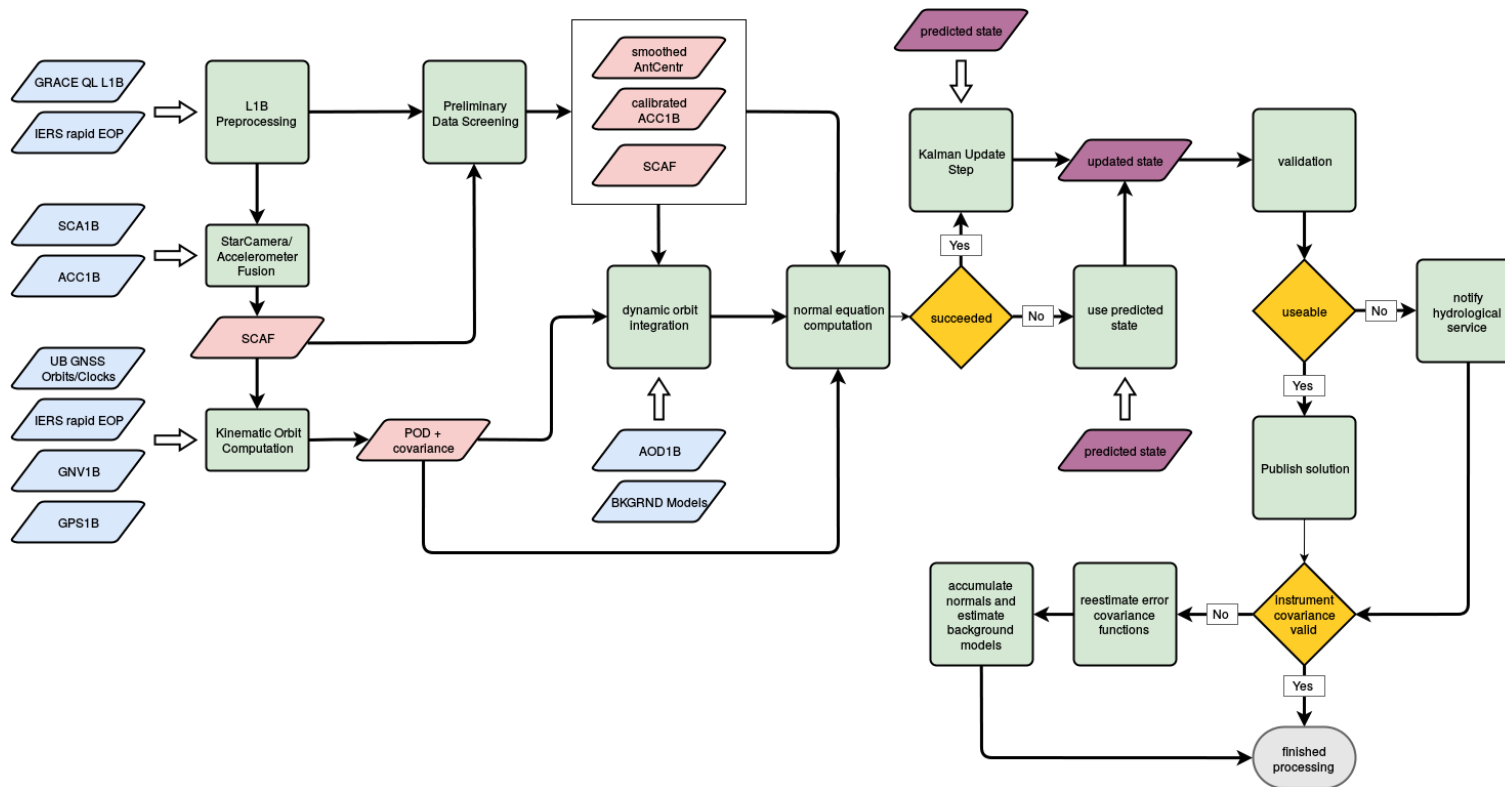
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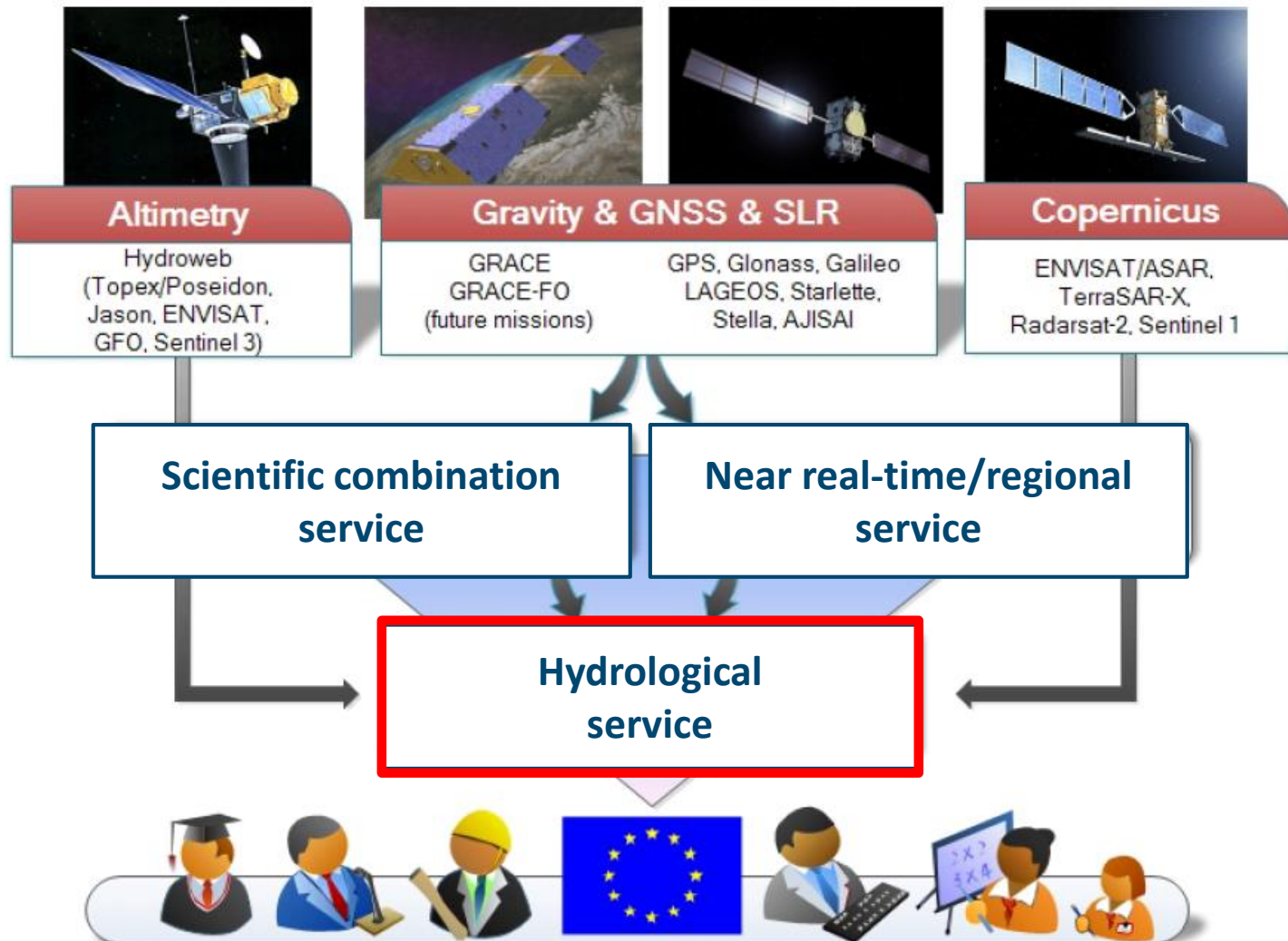


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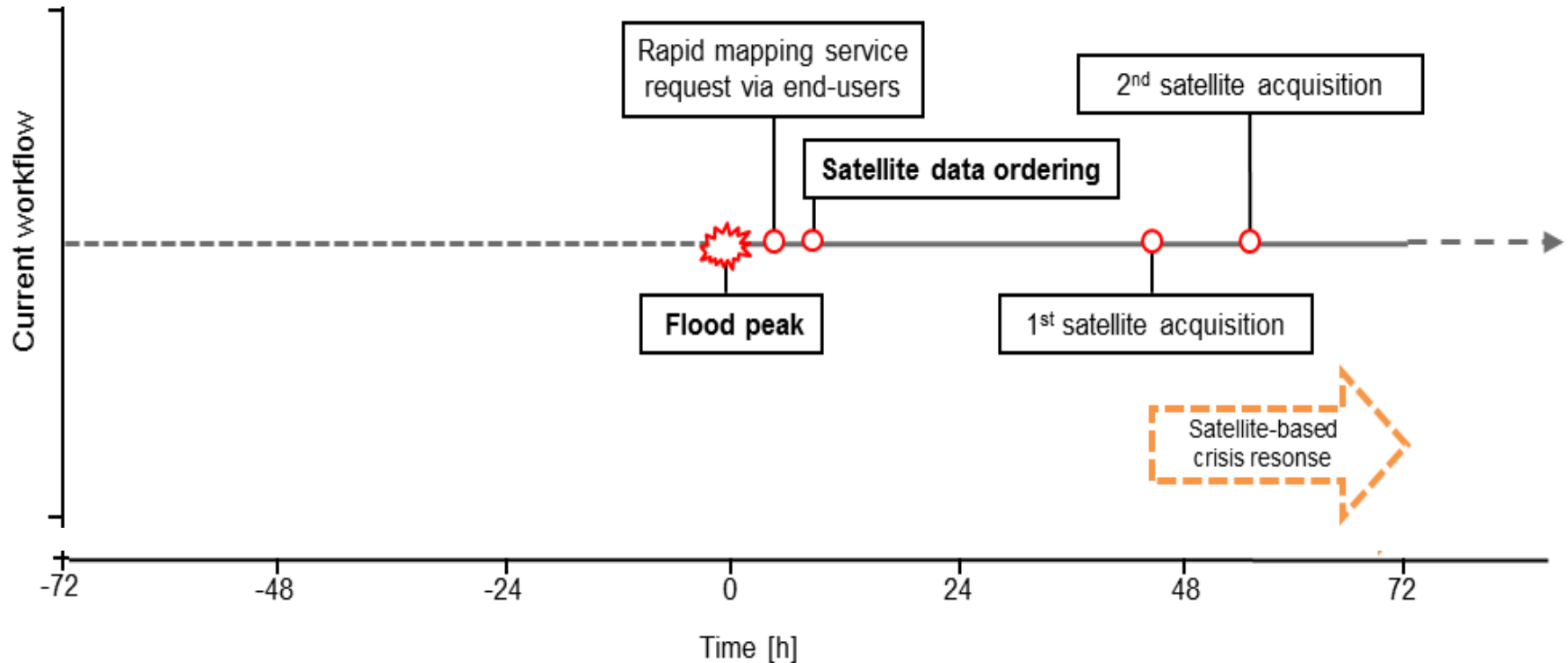
- Adapted daily gravity field processing scheme:
  - Rapid GNSS constellation and Earth orientation
  - forward only filtering → increased high frequency noise



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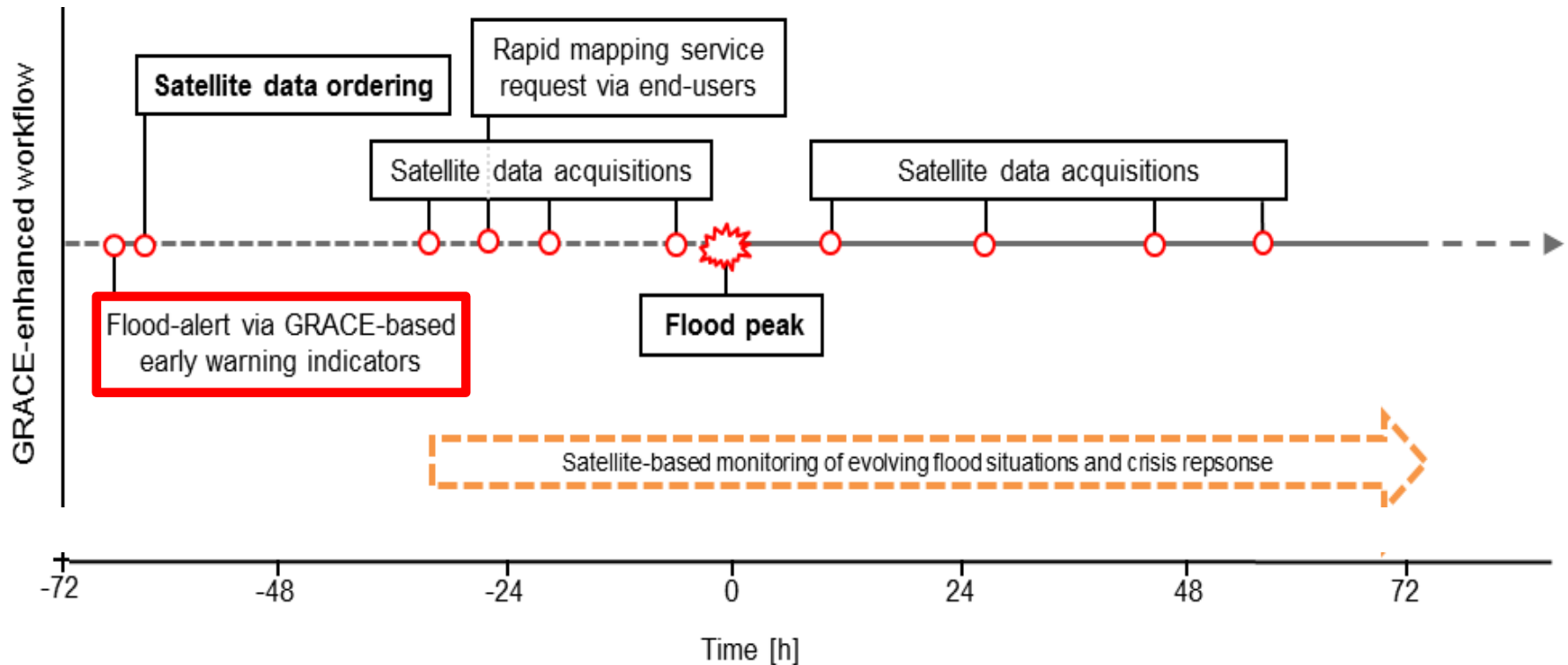


# Integration into automatic flood emergency management services

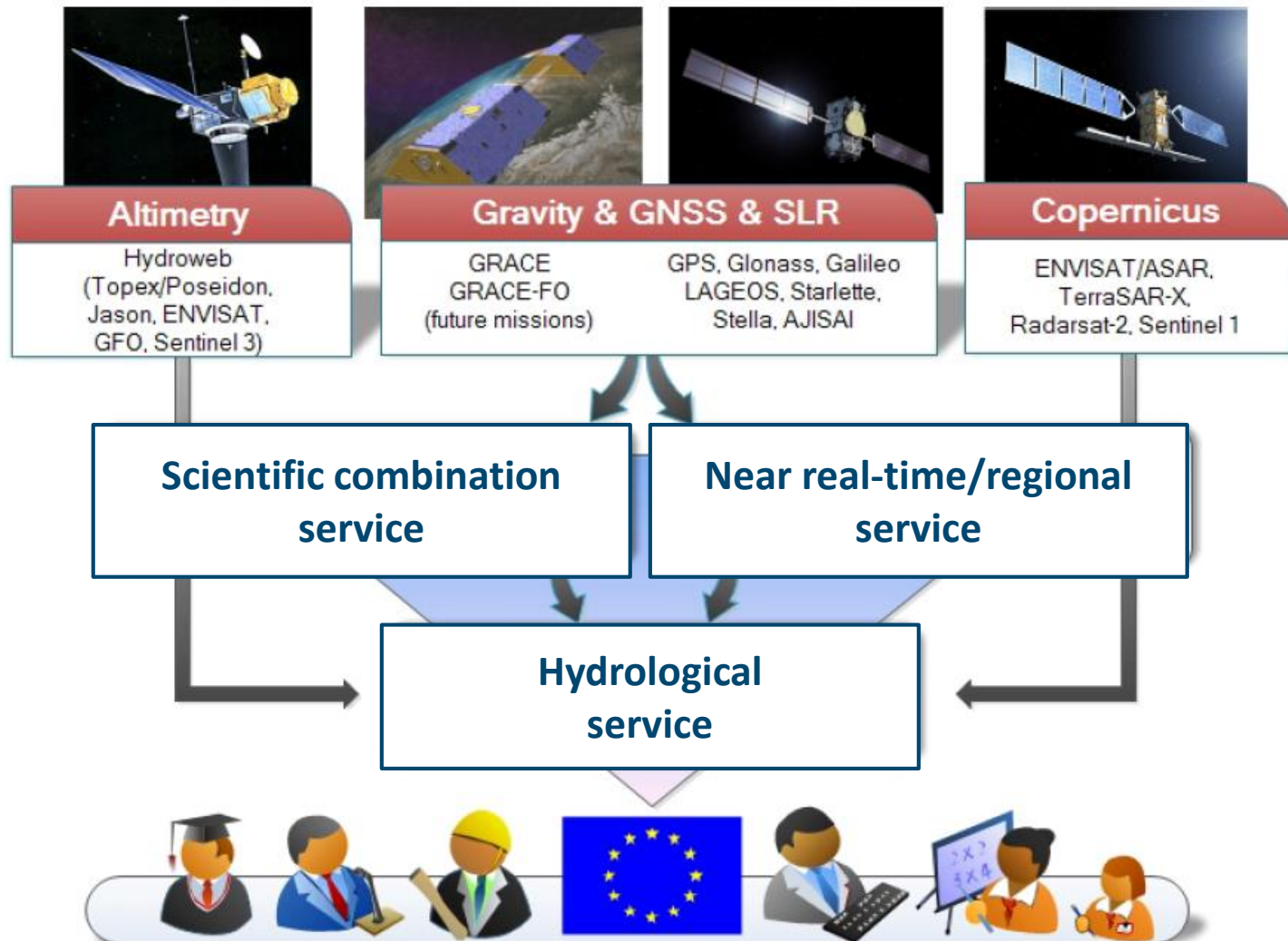




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# Summary (1/2)



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**EGSIEM: Combination of GRACE monthly gravity models on normal equation level**

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**The new ITSG-Grace2016 release**

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**Simulation study on combination of GRACE monthly gravity field solutions**

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Saniya Behzadpour et al.:

**Robust estimation of error covariance functions in GRACE gravity field determination**

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# EGSIEM

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[www.egsim.eu](http://www.egsim.eu)

EGSIM is also present on social media:

<https://twitter.com/EGSIM>

[www.facebook.com/egsim](https://www.facebook.com/egsim)

<https://egsim.wordpress.com>

## WELCOME TO EGSIM

The **European Gravity Service for Improved Emergency Management (EGSIM)** project, which is funded by the Horizon2020 Framework Program for Research and Innovation of the European Union, aims at using gravity field analysis for forecasting and mapping of hydrological extremes like large-scale droughts and flood events. The project is funded for three years, from 2015 to 2017. The leader of the project is the Astronomical Institute of the University of Bern.

### EGSIM CONSORTIUM

- Universität Bern, Switzerland
- Université du Luxembourg, Luxembourg
- Helmholtz-Zentrum Potsdam Deutsches GeoForschungsZentrum, Germany
- Technische Universität Graz, Austria
- Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany
- Centre National d'Études Spatiales, France
- Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V., Germany
- Géode & Cie, France



EGSIM kick-off meeting, 13-14 January 2015, Bern

### Goals and Ambitions

At the heart of the EGSIM project is the idea that *better knowledge yields better decision-making*. Towards this idea the 8 consortium members of EGSIM aim to derive improved products from the **Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment (GRACE)** satellite mission. The current latency and complex nature of the data derived from the GRACE mission (a dual satellite mission of NASA and the German Aerospace Center, which has been making detailed measurements of Earth's gravity field variations since March 2002) makes the data of limited value for monitoring and forecasting applications. Currently Geodesists need to wait approximately 2 months from observation by GRACE until the data is processed for access and examination. EGSIM will improve the data latency, will perform the complex processing, and will provide a simple to use web interface (based on the **EGSIM plotter** provided by Géode & Cie). The data will be freely available for users.

### The impact of EGSIM

The main goal of the project is to improve the availability of data for users, especially in terms of better drought and flood forecasting. EGSIM will reduce the timeframe to 5 days. As the data is going to be made freely available (via our project website [egsim.eu](http://egsim.eu)), the users may use them also for other applications as well. EGSIM aims to improve existing monitoring products. The improvement in flood and drought monitoring will benefit Europe and also other countries. For example the impact of the 2009 flood in Namibia which claimed 131 lives and displaced 445,000 people could have been better anticipated by the existence of concise warning products.



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